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## Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief

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| The MAILING DATE of this communication appe   | ears on the cover sheet with the c  | orrespondence add                                | ress                                       |  |  |  |  |
| THE REPLY FILED 26 March 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or or this application, applicant must timely file one of the follow places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Not a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliant time periods:  | wing replies: (1) an amendment, aff<br>otice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in c   | fidavit, or other evider<br>compliance with 37 C | nce, which<br>FR 41.31; or (3)             |  |  |  |  |
| a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.  Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 7   | 06.07(f).   | •  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of ex under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office late may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b) NOTICE OF APPEAL  | tension and the corresponding amount<br>shortened statutory period for reply orig<br>r than three months after the mailing da | of the fee. The appropri                         | iate extension fee<br>ce action; or (2) as |  |  |  |  |
| 2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on A brief in comp  | pliance with 37 CFR 41 37 must be   | filed within two month                           | ns of the date of                          |  |  |  |  |
| filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any exte a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed   | nsion thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to   | o avoid dismissal of th                          | e appeal. Since                            |  |  |  |  |
| <u>AMENDMENTS</u>   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection,   |   |  | ecause                                     |  |  |  |  |
| (a) They raise new issues that would require further co   | •   | i E below);                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below</li> <li>(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in be</li> </ul>  |   | educing or simplifying                           | the issues for                             |  |  |  |  |
| appeal; and/or  | tter form for appear by materially re   | duoning or our purying                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| (d) They present additional claims without canceling a  | corresponding number of finally rej   | ected claims.                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| NOTE: (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.1   | 21. See attached Notice of Non-Co   | mpliant Amendment                                | (PTOL-324).                                |  |  |  |  |
| <ol><li>Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s)</li></ol>   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be a non-allowable claim(s).  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) how the new or amended claims would be rejected is pro The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed:   |   | II be entered and an e                           | explanation of                             |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) allowed:<br>Claim(s) objected to:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) rejected:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <ol> <li>The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, be<br/>because applicant failed to provide a showing of good an<br/>was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).</li> </ol>   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing<br>entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to<br>showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessar  | overcome all rejections under appe  | al and/or appellant fa                           | ils to provide a                           |  |  |  |  |
| 10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER  | on of the status of the claims after e  | ntry is below or attack                          | ned.                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 11. The request for reconsideration has been considered by See Continuation Sheet.  | ut does NOT place the application in  | n condition for allowa                           | nce because:                               |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s).  | (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Other:  |   | •  |  |  |  |  |  |
| •   | •   | Anunda Cilais                                    | a_   |  |  |  |  |
|   |   | Amanda C Walke<br>Primary Examiner               | 4/2/01                                     |  |  |  |  |

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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant has submitted arguments that have been addressed by the examiner in the final office action.